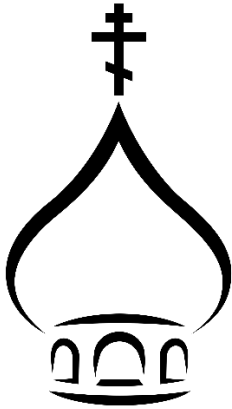


Divine Liturgy
Sunday, March 21, 2021
First Sunday of Great Lent
Sunday of Orthodoxy



SAINT NICHOLAS
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Schedule for the Week of March 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 8. Sunday of Orthodoxy. St. James (Jacob, Iago) the Confessor, Bishop of Catania (8th-9th c.). St. Cyril, Bishop of Catania (1st-2nd c.). St. Thomas, Patriarch of Constantinople (1610).

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

Please note that due to Covid-19 precautions, all confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please contact Fr. Matthew by phone or text to schedule.

Invitations for services during the Lenten and Paschal season will be emailed twice a week. For services on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, please plan to RSVP by noon on the prior Thursday. For services on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, please plan to RSVP by noon on the prior Monday. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

(All Parishioners must review and follow the St. Nicholas Church Reopening Guidance when attending services in person.)

****Live Stream will also be available for all services.****

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| Monday, March 22, 2021 | 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday |
| Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | Eve of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos
6:00 pm - Vesperal Divine Liturgy |
| Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday |
| Friday, March 26, 2021 | 9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy |

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Memorial Saturday
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 28, 2021

St. Gregory Palamas
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)

Monday, March 29, 2021

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 1, 2021

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

Friday, April 2, 2021

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Memorial Saturday
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Veneration of the Cross
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)

Monday, April 5, 2021	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Wednesday, April 7, 2021	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, April 8, 2021	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday
Friday, April 9, 2021	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 10, 2021	Memorial Saturday 8:50 am - Reading of the Hours 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy 10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required) 6:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sunday, April 11, 2021	St. John Climacus 9:10 am - Reading of the Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy 10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children (RSVP Required)
Monday, April 12, 2021	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Wednesday, April 14, 2021	6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, April 15, 2021	12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday 7:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete with the Life of St. Mary of Egypt
Friday, April 16, 2021	9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Most Holy Theotokos
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 18, 2021

St. Mary of Egypt
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)

Monday, April 19, 2021

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

6:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 22, 2021

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

Friday, April 23, 2021

7:00 pm - Matins for Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Lazarus Saturday
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)
6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Palm Sunday
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
10:30 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)
4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 26, 2021

Holy Monday
9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on
the upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Holy Tuesday
9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Holy Wednesday
9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy
7:00 pm - Holy Unction

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Holy Thursday
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)
12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday
7:00 pm - The 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, April 30, 2021

Holy Friday
9:00 am - Royal Hours
4:00 pm - Burial Vespers
6:30 pm - Matins Lamentations
All Night Watch

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Holy Saturday
9:00 am - Vespers Divine Liturgy
11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy
Followed by the blessing of baskets and the
Agape meal

Sunday, May 2, 2021

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

Monday, May 3, 2021

Bright Monday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)

Thursday, May 6, 2021

12:00 pm - Deadline to RSVP for services on
the upcoming Saturday, Sunday & Monday

Saturday, May 8, 2021

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, May 9, 2021

St. Thomas Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

10:00 am - Communion for Parish Children
(RSVP Required)

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt after Liturgy
(rain date May 16)

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves

Pussy Willow Branches



Reminder: It will soon be time for pussy willows to start blooming. Please cut the branches of willows and bring them to the church as soon as they bloom. Since Pascha is May 2nd, we will need to store the willows until they are prepared for Palm Sunday on April 25th. Please wrap the willows loosely in newspaper so we can save them for Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help in gathering the willows.



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Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 2 Troparion *(Sunday of Orthodoxy)*

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world."

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Sunday of Orthodoxy)*

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Fathers)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! *(Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)*

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

Epistle

(Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2) By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps. 98:6)

They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps. 98:7a)

Gospel

(John 1:43-51) The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, March 21, 2021

Vigils in Altar

In Honor Of Jacob Lezinsky's Birthday
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Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Fr. Eugene Vansuch
Offered by Mat. Fran Vansuch

Votives in Iconostas

Safe Travels Guliana Holobeny
Offered by The Holobeny Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders

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Crosses

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Vigils on the Tetrapod

In Memory Of Daniel Riley

Offered by Laurel Riley

Vigils on Icon Table

In Honor Of Jacob Lezinsky's Birthday

Offered by Daddy, Mommy, Sophia

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Mary Monarek

Offered by Barb, Kyra, and Gregory Monarek

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Mary Monarek

Offered by Barb, Kyra, and Gregory Monarek

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Rosalia, John, Joseph, George Felix

Offered by Patty Felix

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Honor Of Jacob Lezinsky's Birthday

Offered by Baba & Grandpa

Media Opt-Out Information

As many of you know, from time to time we (St. Nicholas Church) record, photograph or videotape various events and activities that reflect an active parish. These pieces of communication may be published on our website, in our bulletin, on our social media page, on the OCA website, or used on other printed material. Some people may choose not to have their photos used and if you are among them, we ask that you fill-out the Media Opt-Out Form that can be requested from the Administrative Assistant. Please return it to the church Administrative Assistant so that we may have a copy on file. If you are okay with the use of media, you do not have to do anything. Thank you.

Pascha Flowers Update

Please be advised that our potted flower supplier has informed us that the flowers traditionally used to adorn the tomb of Our Lord will not be available due to the later date of Pascha. We are working to find alternatives and will update you as soon as we have more information. At this time you will not be able to sign up to sponsor the potted flowers for Pascha. The sign up sheets for cut flower arrangements are still available in the book at the candle desk. Cut flowers have not be impacted by this change. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Pascha Processions Sign Up Sheets

Sign up sheets for the processions and grave watch during Holy Week are available at the candle desk. Please see a staff member for assistance signing up to participate in the processions, etc. during Holy Week.

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

The Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 9, 2021 (rain date May 16, 2021). All children are welcome. Please contact Karen Gowarty for more information.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I wanted to let everyone know how much I appreciated all the cards, phone calls, food, and flowers which I received during my recent convalescence following my surgery. It helped me greatly to know how thoughtful the members of our church family are. God bless you all with a great Lenten journey. Your thoughtfulness and kindness shown to me is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ, Francine Slivka

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:

Metropolitan Herman

Igumen David Lewis

Archpriests: Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

Priests: Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

Matushki: Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Patricia Grammes, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pfeiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witanek

Child of God: Emily Estrin

Handmaidens of God: Corinne Gahles Stuckey, Amanda Riley, Natalie Stepanoff and their unborn children

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.